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In re Application of: )  
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HYDROGEL MATERIALS )  
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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001 which expires on March 6, 2002. A check in the amount of \$ 55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a one-month extension.

Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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